

Youth and Family Services, State of Arizona; Jim Purcell, Executive Director, Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies, New York City; and public witnesses.

## SECURITY CLEARANCES

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management held a hearing on Security Clearances. Testimony was heard from Kathy Dillaman, Associate Director, Investigations, OPM; Clay Johnson, Deputy Director, OMB; Eric Boswell, Assistant Deputy Director, Security, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Brenda Farrell, Director, Military and Civilian Personnel and Healthcare, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO.

## BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2008

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the recent Hallmark/Westland meat recall, 2 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for Department of the Navy, and the future years defense program; with the possibility of a closed session in SR-222 immediately following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, for the Department of the Navy, and the future years defense program; with the possibility of a closed session in SR-222 immediately following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the semiannual monetary policy report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the impact of increased minimum wages on the economies of American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 177 and H.R. 2085, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the McGee Creek Authority certain facilities of the McGee Creek Project, Oklahoma, S. 1473 and H.R. 1855, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Madera Irrigation District for purposes of supporting the Madera Water Supply Enhancement Project, S. 1474 and H.R. 1139, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to plan, design and construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, and other uses from the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin, Santa Ana River, California, S. 1929, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study of water augmentation alternatives in the Sierra Vista Subwatershed, S. 2370, to clear title to certain real property in New Mexico associated with the Middle Rio Grande Project, and H.R. 2381, to promote Department of the Interior efforts to provide a scientific basis for the management of sediment and nutrient loss in the Upper Mississippi River Basin, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, focusing on the security of the nuclear power plants in the United States, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the real estate market, focusing on building a strong economy, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the policy options of the United States in post-election Pakistan, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 2304, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants for the improved mental health treatment and services provided to offenders with mental illnesses, S. 2449, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, relating to protective orders, sealing of cases, disclosures of discovery information in civil actions, S. 352, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, S. 2136, to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, S. 2133, to authorize bankruptcy courts to take certain actions with respect to mortgage loans in bankruptcy, S. 2041, to amend the False Claims Act, and the nominations of Kevin J. O'Connor, of Connecticut, to be Associate Attorney General, and Gregory G. Katsas, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, Brian Stacy Miller, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and James Randal Hall, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine weaknesses in the visa waiver program, focusing on possible safeguards needed to protect the United States of America, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

## House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Inspector General, 10 a.m., 2362—A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Defense Health Program, 10 a.m., and on National Guard and Reserve Issues, 1:30 p.m., H—140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Department of Energy, 9 a.m., 2362—B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on Consumer Protection in Financial Services, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Improving the Efficiency of the Aviation Security System-TSA, GAO, American Airlines, and Washington Metropolitan Airport Authority, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Geological Survey, 10 a.m., B—308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Reducing the Disability Backlog at the Social Security Administration/Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Overview, 10 a.m., 2358—C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on Fiscal Year 2009 Budget-State Operations, Embassy Baghdad, 10 a.m., B—318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Housing Needs of Special Populations (Elderly; Disabled; Homeless; HOPWA), 10 a.m., 2358—A Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Army, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request on military construction, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, hearing on Members' Day, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, hearing entitled "A Review of the Department of Health and Human Services Fiscal Year 2009 Budget," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing on S. 742, Ban Asbestos in America Act of 2007; and on other proposals to Ban Asbestos in Products, 12:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, to consider Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2009 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on Status of Forces in Agreements and UN Mandates: What Authorities and Protections Do They Provide to U.S. Personnel? 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, hearing entitled "The Cyber Initiative", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on the proposed

Fiscal Year 2009 Budget for the Minerals Management Service, the Bureau of Land Management, Energy and Minerals programs, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, the Minerals programs, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, the Minerals and Geology Program of the Forest Service, and the United States Geological Survey, except for the activities and programs of the Water Resources Division, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3223, Keep Our Waterfronts Working Act of 2007; H.R. 5451, Coastal Zone Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 5452, Coastal State Renewable Energy Promotion Act of 2008; and H.R. 5453, Coastal State Climate Change Planning Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, oversight hearing on the fiscal Year 2009 budget request for the Department of Interior's Office of Insular Affairs, 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia, to consider H.R. 4106, Telework Improvements Act of 2007; and to hold a hearing on the Implementation of the Postal Accountability Enhancement Act of 2006, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing entitled "Improving the Paperwork Reduction Act for Small Businesses," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, to mark up the following: Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2009 for submission to the Committee on the Budget; a measure to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to construct a greenhouse facility at its museum support facility in Suitland, Maryland; H. Res. 936, Honoring the 200th anniversary of the Gallatin Report on Roads and Canals, celebrating the national unity the Gallatin Report engendered, and recognizing the vast contributions that national planning efforts have provided to the United States; H. Res. 964, To promote the safe operation of 15 passenger vans; GSA Lease Resolution; GSA Section 11(b) Resolution; and other pending business, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Subprime Mortgage Crisis and America's Veterans, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Mental Health Treatment for Families: Supporting Those Who Support our Veterans, 10 a.m. 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare Advantage, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, briefing on FISA, 12:30 p.m., H—405 Capitol.

## Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings to examine the total economic costs of the war beyond the federal budget, 9:30 a.m., SD—106.